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**VENEZUELA**

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This Public Announcement is being issued to alert U.S. citizens to violence between anti-government and pro-government protesters. It supersedes the Public Announcement of April 8, 2002 and expires on July 12, 2002.

U.S. citizens should defer travel to Venezuela until further notice. There has been violence in Caracas between anti-government and pro-government protesters, as well as large demonstrations and disruptions of public services throughout the country. Although the international airport is still functioning, roads giving access to the airport may be blocked or closed, and the availability of airport services is subject to rapid change.

The Department reminds U.S. citizens that they should carefully monitor news broadcasts for further developments. For further information concerning travel to Venezuela, travelers should consult the Department of State's Consular Information Sheet for Venezuela at <http://travel.state.gov/venezuela.html>. Travelers may call the US Embassy Venezuela at 58-212-975-6411 for further information.

*Travel  
Warning*

Department of State travel information and publications are available at Internet address: <http://travel.state.gov>. U.S. travelers may hear recorded information by calling the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at 202-647-5225 from their touch-tone telephone, or receive information by automated telefax by dialing 202-647-3000 from their fax.

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